Salisbury, MD Man Arrested on Fraud Charges-Laurel

Laurel— The Delaware State Police Financial Crimes Unit have arrested a Salisbury, Maryland man on multiple charges related to a fraud investigation.

The investigation began in September 2018, when a fraud report was filed in reference to a sales agreement that was made with Midway RV & Sales located at 32101 Sussex Highway, Laurel. It was learned that the owner, 57-year-old William G Carey Jr. was taking in consignment used motorhomes and travel trailers and re-selling them. Carey would take the victim's money to purchase the consigned motorhomes and travel trailers and not pay off the previous liens. Carey would then submit falsified sales invoices to the banks and department of motor vehicles.

During the sale, Carey would offer an extended warranty at an additional charge through a separate vendor. Carey would complete the paperwork but would never submit it to the warranty company or send in the required payment to activate the warranty, keeping the money for himself. It was also discovered that Carey would falsify the bill of sales to get his purchasers qualified for financing through their local banks on high end RV's.

On April 4, 2019, Carey was taken into custody at his business without incident. He was transported back to Troop 4 where he was charged with the following:

- Theft by False Pretense over \$1500.00 (4 counts)
- Falsifying Business Records (15 counts)
- Offering False Instrument for Filing
- Defrauding Secured Creditors
- Deceptive Business Practices (6 counts)

Carey was arraigned before the Justice of the Peace Court

and released on \$25,000.00 unsecured bond.

The case continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Financial Crimes Unit. If you believe you are a victim of this crime, please contact Detective Shockley at 302-856-5850. Information may also be provided by calling <u>Delaware Crime Stoppers</u> at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <u>www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com.</u>

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